

HUMAN TRAFFICKING HURTS THE MOST VULNERABLE IN OUR COMMUNITY – OUR CHILDREN



The Phoenix Dream Center is an Arizona non-profit dedicated to the recovery and restoration of young women and young men who have fallen victim to human trafficking.

Jennifer grew up in Scottsdale but was forced into human trafficking in Phoenix.

When Jennifer first came to the Phoenix Dream Center's human trafficking recovery program, she struggled with whether or not she wanted to keep her baby...but it wasn't because she was only 18 years old.

It was because the father of her child was the man who was trafficking her.

She was just 16 years old when this predator first found her - he was a friend of a friend. He seemed so nice at the time. She was a sophomore in high school and this man was in his twenties.

"He treated me really well...taking me out, buying me things, showing me lots of affection. I felt special getting the attention of an older man."

Her fairytale soon turned into a nightmare and Jennifer was violated in unimaginable ways. In the blink of an eye, she found herself in a completely unbearable situation as she was forced into sex trafficking. **For two long years, the abuse and the secrets and the lies continued to rule her life.**

"There were always promises that he made...followed by threats. I was scared to tell anyone."

Jennifer was trapped and desperate. She was starting to feel like there was no way out. There was no way for the insanity to stop.

One night, when the police were called for an incident, they brought her to the Phoenix Dream Center.

"At first, I struggled because I found out I was pregnant and every time I thought about my baby, I felt so much anger and hatred because of who her father was."

She gave birth to a beautiful baby girl and is now finishing up her high school diploma while learning how to care for her newborn.

Unfortunately, Jennifer wasn't the only female who was being trafficked by her abuser. There were other women, too...teenage girls, just like her.

You can sponsor a girl's healing at www.PhxDreamCenter.org.
Irish-American Brian Steele, Executive Director

Arizona Human Trafficking Facts

ASU Department of Sex Trafficking Intervention and Prevention

128

CHILDREN HAVE BEEN RECOVERED IN THE PHOENIX AREA IN THE PAST YEAR

14

IS THE AVERAGE AGE OF A CHILD WHO HAS BEEN TRAFFICKED IN PHOENIX

30%

OF KIDS WHO RUN AWAY IN PHOENIX EXPERIENCE HUMAN TRAFFICKING WITHIN 48 HOURS

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IF YOU OR A LOVED ONE MAY BE INVOLVED IN HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Get A Free Safety Guide

Predators and traffickers are always at work in our community. Every day they search for children.

One of our best lines of defense is to become aware of the tactics they use and to be sure our children are always aware.

This Free Human Trafficking Safety Guide was actually compiled by young girls who survived their experience in human trafficking and found healing at the Phoenix Dream Center.

- ✓ Top 10 Warning Signs For Every Parent
- ✓ The Key 13 Safety Tips For Children
- ✓ The Key 13 Safety Tips For Parents
- ✓ 5 Tips for Parents To Talk To Their Children

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